GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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MISUSE OF RAILWAY PASSES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have achieved success in curbing the misuse of free railway passes issued by Indian Railways to members of Parliament, social workers, winner of gallantry awards and other distinguished persons;

(b) if so, total decline in the expenditure incurred by the Railways under the said head during financial year 2007-08;

(c) whether the number of beneficiaries of such free rail passes is increasing constantly; and

(d) if so, the details thereof till date?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAY(SHRI R.VELU)

(a) : Members of Parliament avail rail travel facility on the authority of the Identity Card issued to them by Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha Secretariats, the cost of which is subsequently reimbursed to Ministry of Railways. Social workers, winners of gallantry awards and other distinguished persons are provided Complimentary passes by Ministry of Railways for free rail travel. Some incidents of misuse of free rail travel facility have come to notice during the checks conducted in trains by vigilance and ticket checking staff. Such cases are dealt with as per extant provisions of the Railways Act, 1989.

(b) : The free passes issued by Ministry of Railways to social workers, winners of gallantry awards and other distinguished persons are complimentary in nature and cost or expenses incurred on such passes is not computed.

(c) & (d) : Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.